

## ***Prayers Are Needed***



- **Celebrate with the Nigerian Brethren** – they are celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They rejoice that they have remained a united body throughout their history. Despite significant persecution & adversity, they continue to grow. The Church of the Brethren in Nigeria is now the largest Brethren body in the world. Their anniversary is being celebrated by their country's leaders too. The Brethren are known as a people of peace in their country much in need of peace!
- **Dominican Republic** – where the Church of the Brethren there is struggling with cultural/language issues that are causing hurt & division.
- **Haiti** – where people continue to recover from recent storms & deal with the political instability & violence that grips the country. Many Hattian Brethren ministries have had to move north where it is a bit safer & more stable.
- **Myanmar** –still recovering from May's record cyclone. Human Rights Watch reports that the government has created a man-made catastrophe by cutting off access & outside aid to affected areas. The worst impacted areas are poor & home to the Muslim Rohingya community. The government denies the Rohingya citizenship in their home country. Some of the aid sent to help appears to have been taken by the military & has never reached the storm victims.
- **Chili** – is experiencing the worst flooding they have had in a decade following days of heavy rain. Many towns across the country are cut off as rivers overflow.
- **Countries experiencing excessive heat** – including Mexico, India, China & the U.S. June was the hottest June on record with temperatures well over 100 degrees in many places. Much of the world is facing warmer than usual temperatures & ocean waters are also unusually warm for this time of year.
- **Canada** – so far, the fire season there has been horrific & broken all records. A quarter of the fires are in Quebec causing the evacuation of at least 4,400 people. The smoke is raising health concerns in Canada, the U.S. & Europe. It is likely the problem will be around all summer.
- **Victims of Gun Violence** – Already this year, 21,051 people have died in gun violence (up 1,007 from week) including 889 children (up 44 from last week). 18,047 people have been injured (up 893 from last week) including 2,322 children (up 114 from last week). 11,814 of the deaths are suicides (up 528 from last week). There have already been 331 mass shootings (up 12 from last week) this year. (Gun Violence Archive statistics).
- **Ukraine where the war continues.** Attacks on civilians & atrocities against them, seem to be intensifying as Putin attempts to save face after the Wagner group mercenaries turned on him last week.
- **Peru** – a dengue fever outbreak there continues with more than 130,000 cases.
- **Refugees across the world** – Church World Service reports that every 2 seconds, someone in the world has to leave their home & everything they know due to the threat of violence, persecution, or disaster.